

March 25, 2013

FCC, Office of the Secretary

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To Whom It May Concern:

**CC DOCKET NO. 02-6**

**REQUEST FOR REVIEW/REQUEST FOR WAIVER**

I am writing regarding Minneapolis College Preparatory School's application for the Funding Year 2012 E-Rate funding. I wish to appeal an application decision that appears to be in error. My appeal relates to the following:

Billed Entity Applicant Name: Minneapolis College Preparatory School

Funding Request Number: 2328070

Form 471 Application Number: 855756

Contact Name: Angela Chang

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The reason for the appeal is based on the March 8, 2013 letter from USAC/Schools and Libraries entitled "Administrator's Decision of Appeal – Funding Year 2012-2013". The letter explains that the "Minneapolis College Preparatory School failed to provide evidence that USAC erred in its initial decision; consequently, the appeal is denied". This denial was based on the free and reduced lunch numbers. The letter also explains that the "appeal requests additional funds that were not included in the FCC Form 471".

- There was a Form 471 application filed Internal Connections, Form 471 #855756. At the time the Form 471 was filed, March 12, 2012, there were no students at the school. The Minneapolis College Preparatory School is a new Charter School based in Minneapolis, MN and opened September, 2012. As of September 25, 2012, the free and reduced lunch numbers reflect a 90% E-Rate discount instead of the 20% listed on the Form 471. This information was also reported to the MN Department of Education and a signed copy is attached.

This appeal is based on the information that was given at the USAC/Schools and Libraries 2011 E-Rate Training held on October 10, 2011 in Minneapolis, MN. Attached is the USAC PowerPoint delivered at the conference, "Calculating Discounts, Fall, 2011 Applicant Trainings". On page 14 directions for "Calculating Your Discount" - Private/Charter Schools is given. Listed on the attached documentation, ***"Population is unknown: apply for 20% but can amend with actual figures if obtained later"***. Attached is signed documentation stating as of September 25, 2012 the actual free and reduced lunch numbers reflect a 97% discount which equates to a 90% E-Rate discount according to the Discount Matrix supplied by Schools and Libraries.

- The Minneapolis College Preparatory School is not requesting any additional funds that were not included in the FCC Form 471 submitted on March 12, 2012. Because of not having students at the school at the time of filing the Form 471 and being required to list the free/reduced lunch discount as 20%, it appears that additional funds are requested. This is not true, as the attached, signed "Addendum A, Hardware & Software Requirements" shows the total amount requested as \$78,875.00. The total amount requested has not changed. The discount percentage was changed to 90% as of September 25, 2012, but was done in accordance with the information delivered at the USAC/Schools and Libraries 2011 E-Rate Training.

We believe that everything was done in accordance with FCC rules and that the denial for Internal Connections has been determined in error. We request that the "Denied" decision is reviewed and a new determination is made.

In support of this appeal, attached are the following:

**Funding Commitment Decision Letter dated 08/13/2012**

**USAC - Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2012-2013 dated March 8, 2013**

**MARSS Compensatory Revenue Student Count Report signed by Angela Chang, Principal, confirming the free and reduced lunch numbers**

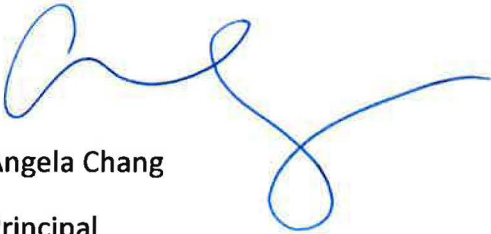
**USAC Powerpoint titled *"The E-Rate Program, Calculating Discounts, Fall, 2011 Applicant Trainings"***

**Item 21 Attachment B-1, Addendum A, Hardware and Software Requirements/Internal Connections originally submitted with the Form 471 on March 12, 2012**

The Minneapolis College Preparatory School is a new Charter School. Participating and receiving E-Rate dollars is very important to the school as well as the ability to install the technology to promote academic excellence to its students.

Please amend the Funding Commitment Letters to reflect the 90% discount. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Angela Chang', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Angela Chang

Principal

